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I'M GOING TO RUN SOME **CALIBRATION** QUESTIONS. NAME?

IRIS.



OCCUPATION?

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.



ARE YOU LOYAL TO THE MAGNI CORPORATION?

DR. ZYRA, I AM NOT. AND I NEVER WILL BE.



**M**AGNI HEADQUARTERS, LOS ANGELES.

PRIOR TO YOUR EMPLOYMENT HERE, YOUR REPUTATION PRECEDED YOU-- ASSASSINATIONS, DISMANTLING CRIME SYNDICATES, TAKING OUT **TWO** YAKUZA CLANS IN THE SAME NIGHT.

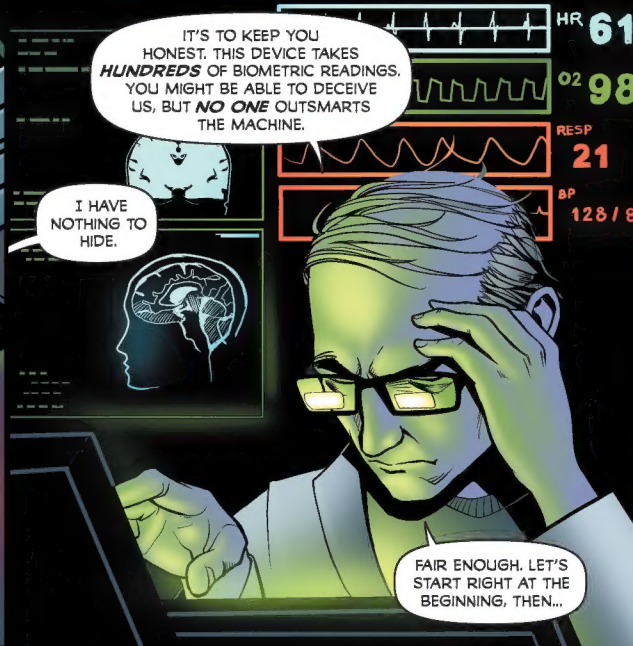
YOU WERE QUALIFIED, BUT I **ASSUMED** YOU'D ALSO BE A TEAM PLAYER. YOUR HISTORY INDICATES YOU WERE COMPLIANT... **OBEDIENT.**

PEOPLE CHANGE.



EVIDENTLY, AND NOW SINCE MISTER MAGNI CAN'T TRUST YOU ANYMORE, **I'M** IN THE AWKWARD POSITION OF TAKING YOU THROUGH THESE POST-MISSION DEBRIEFS... ALL **WITHOUT** OVERTIME PAY, MIGHT I ADD.

IS THAT WHAT THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE-- A **DEBRIEF**? IT FEELS MORE LIKE AN INTERROGATION.



IT'S TO KEEP YOU HONEST. THIS DEVICE TAKES **HUNDREDS** OF BIOMETRIC READINGS. YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DECEIVE US, BUT **NO ONE** OUTSMARTS THE MACHINE.

I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE.

FAIR ENOUGH. LET'S START RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING, THEN...

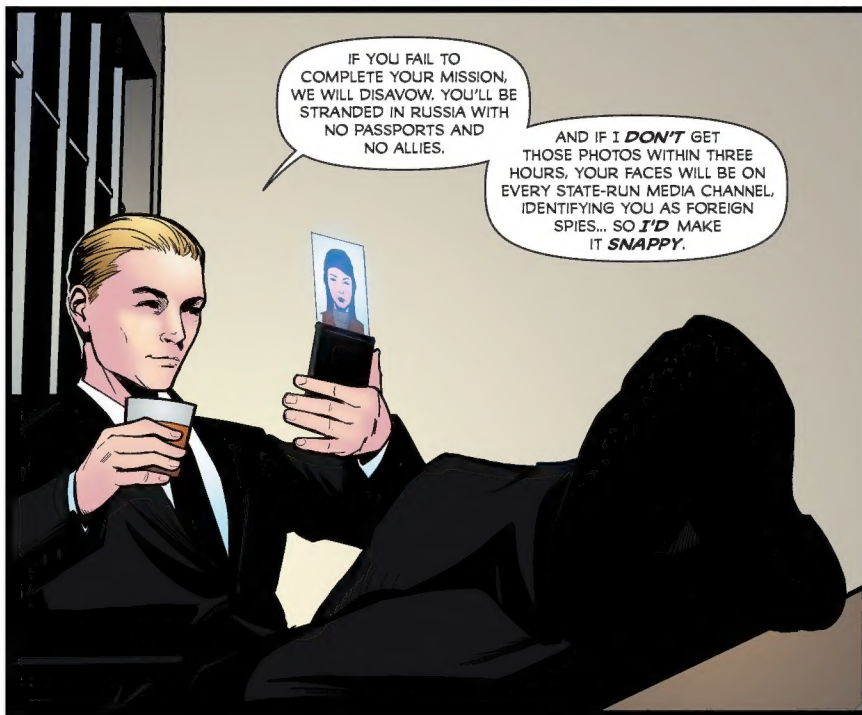
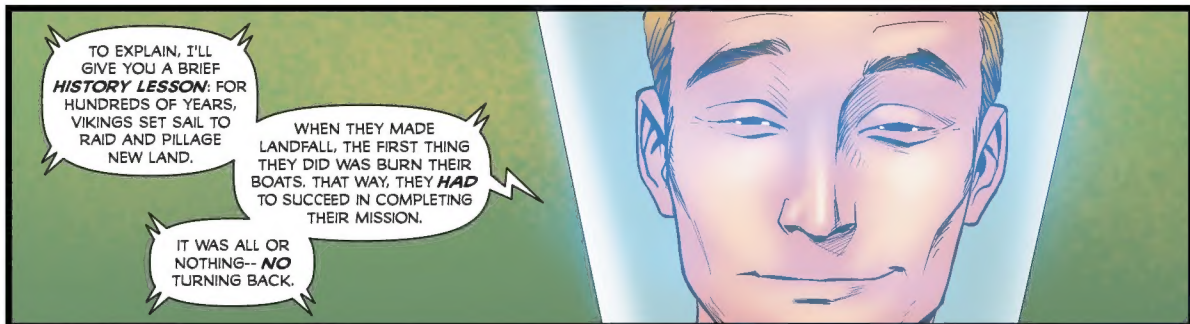
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"...AT THE MOMENT YOU  
LANDED IN **RUSSIA**."











RUSSIAN GULAGS?  
SOLITARY CONFINEMENT?  
**BORSCHT?!** DAMN THAT GUY IS  
CREEPY... I WISH HE'D JUST THREATEN  
TO SHOOT ME IN THE HEAD. THAT'S  
A LOT LESS SCARY THAN A  
LIFETIME OF BEET SOUP.

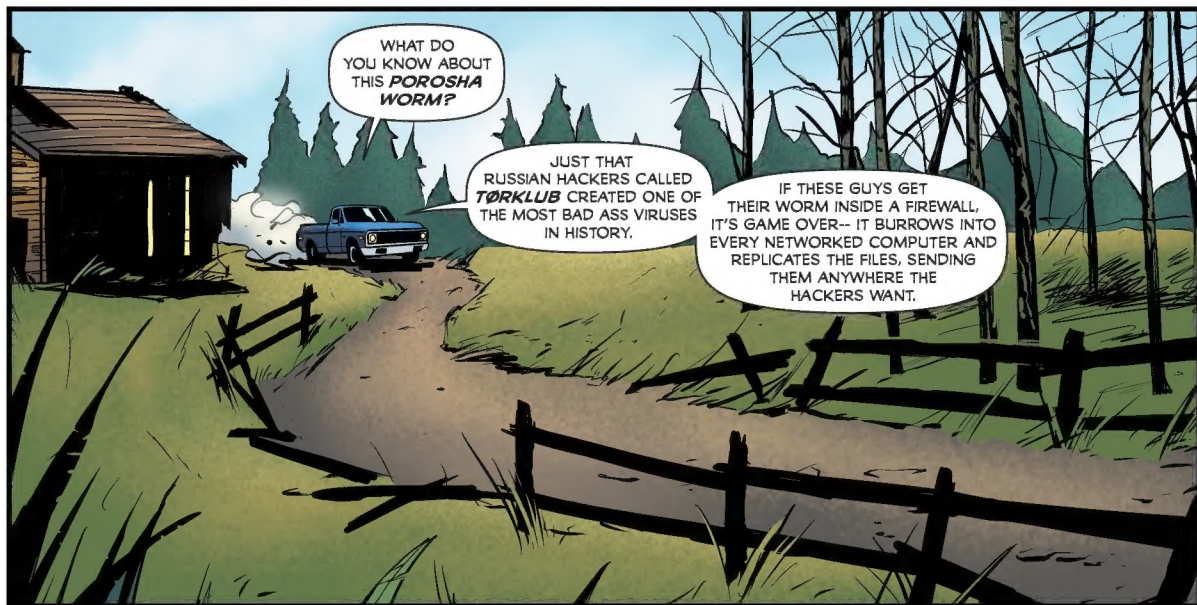
IF ALEXANDER WAS  
TELLING THE TRUTH, WE  
WILL HAVE THE MILITARY  
SEARCHING FOR US BEFORE  
NIGHTFALL. WE HAVE TO MODIFY  
OUR PLAN-- THERE IS NOT  
ENOUGH TIME TO HIKE TO  
THE COMPOUND.



I  
HAVE AN  
IDEA.



LET'S  
DELETE SOME  
HACKERS.

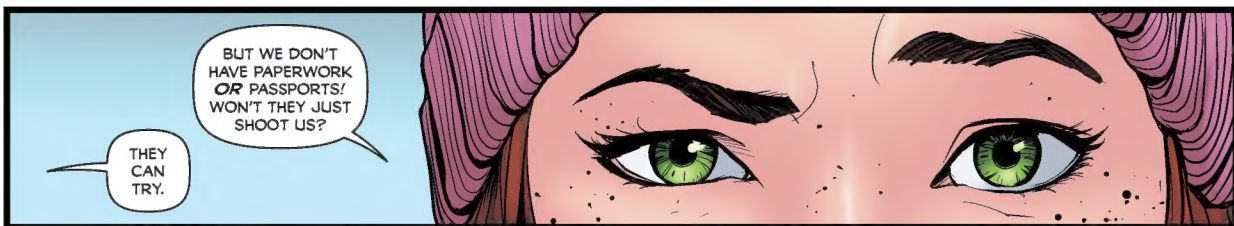
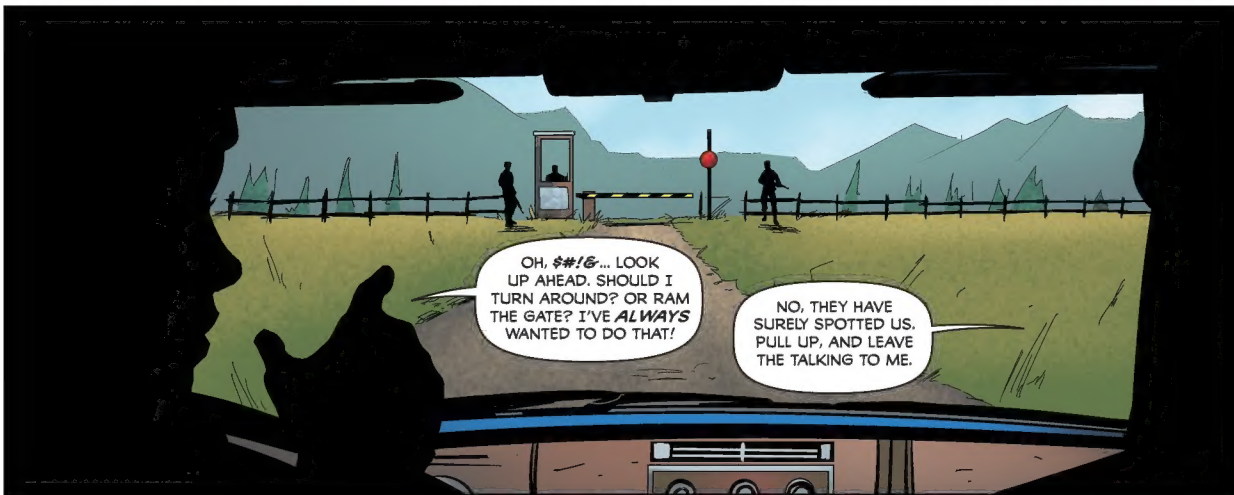
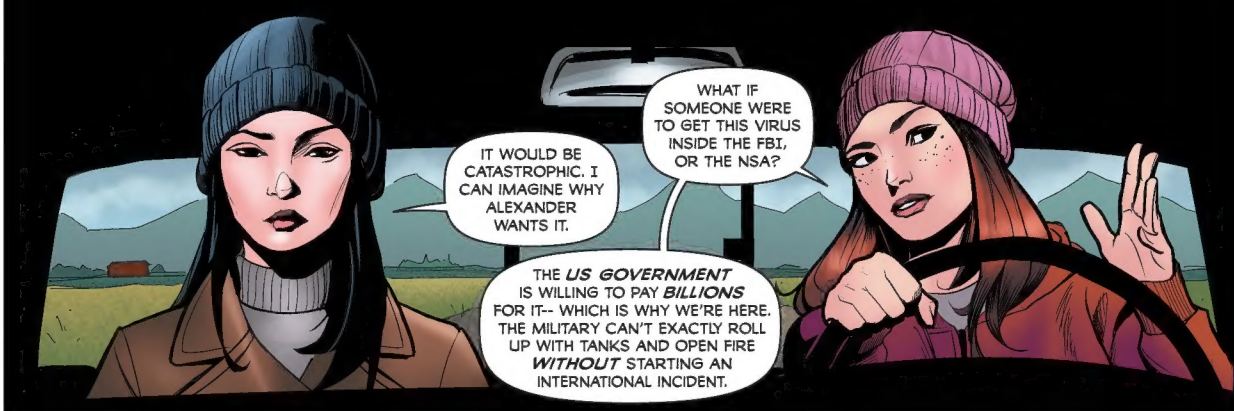


WHAT DO  
YOU KNOW ABOUT  
THIS **POROSHA**  
WORM?

JUST THAT  
RUSSIAN HACKERS CALLED  
**TORKLUB** CREATED ONE OF  
THE MOST BAD ASS VIRUSES  
IN HISTORY.

IF THESE GUYS GET  
THEIR WORM INSIDE A FIREWALL,  
IT'S GAME OVER-- IT BURROWS INTO  
EVERY NETWORKED COMPUTER AND  
REPLICATES THE FILES, SENDING  
THEM ANYWHERE THE  
HACKERS WANT.





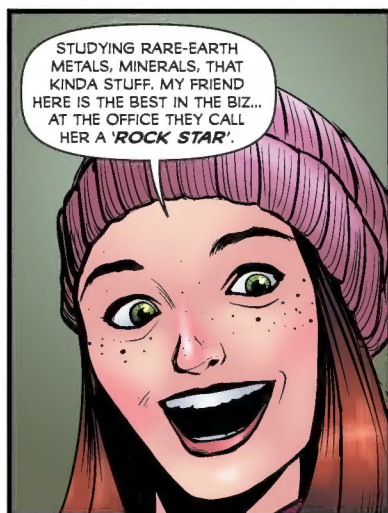




WE ARE  
TOURISTS,  
DRIVING  
UP TO--

**SCIENTISTS!**  
GEOLOGISTS,  
ACTUALLY.

AH, ENGLISH.  
AMERICANS, I  
ASSUME. WHAT IS  
YOUR BUSINESS?

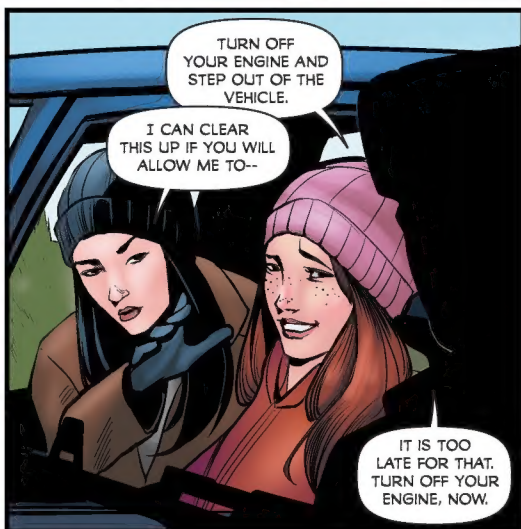


STUDYING RARE-EARTH  
METALS, MINERALS, THAT  
KINDA STUFF. MY FRIEND  
HERE IS THE BEST IN THE BIZ...  
AT THE OFFICE THEY CALL  
HER A 'ROCK STAR'.



IT IS A LITTLE FAR  
NORTH FOR TOURISTS,  
AND I HAVE NOT BEEN  
NOTIFIED OF ANY SCIENTISTS  
COMING THIS WAY. SHOW  
ME YOUR PASSPORTS.

MY FRIEND HERE  
WAS **JOKING**. HER  
BIG MOUTH AND SAD  
ATTEMPTS AT HUMOR  
OFTEN GET HER  
INTO TROUBLE.



TURN OFF  
YOUR ENGINE AND  
STEP OUT OF THE  
VEHICLE.

I CAN CLEAR  
THIS UP IF YOU WILL  
ALLOW ME TO--

IT IS TOO  
LATE FOR THAT.  
TURN OFF YOUR  
ENGINE, NOW.



WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?!  
**STOY!**



**GET YOUR  
HAND OUT OF  
YOUR JACKET!**

**PREPARE  
TO FIRE!**



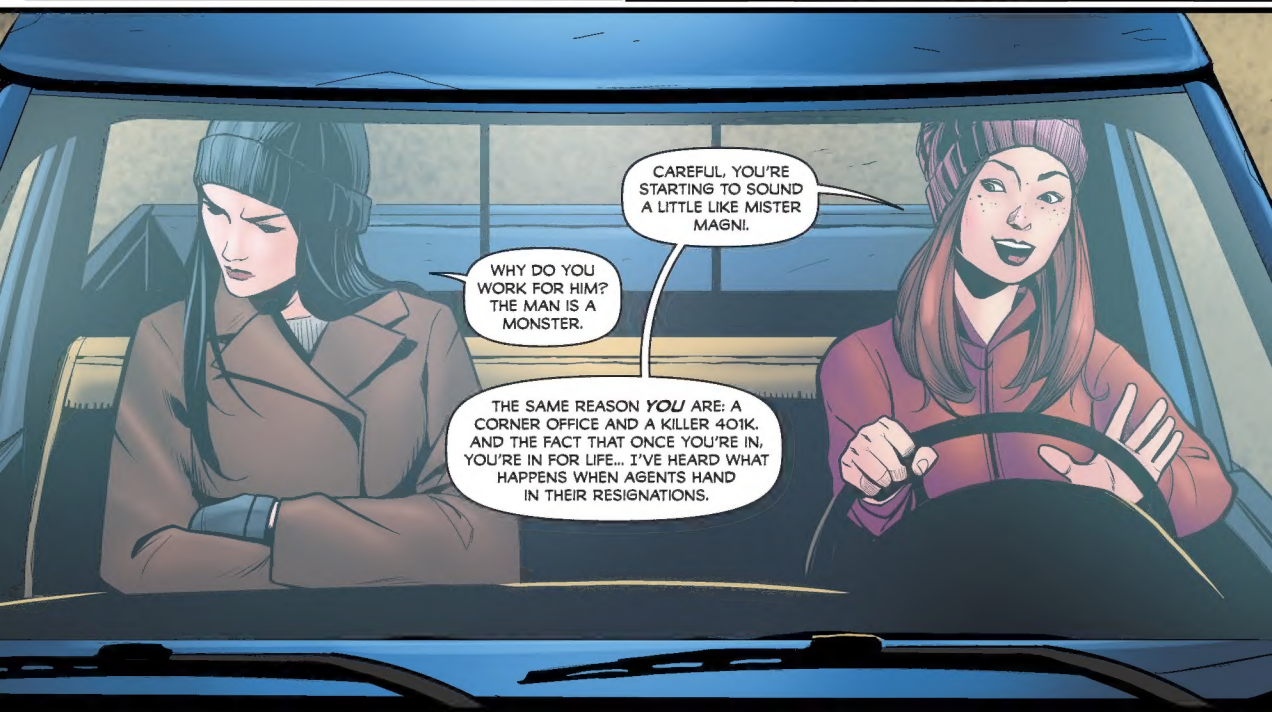


I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT ALL OF MY PAPERWORK IS IN ORDER.



HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WOULD WORK?

THIS IS *NOT* MY FIRST TIME IN SIBERIA. DISPUTES CAN ALWAYS BE SOLVED WITH ONE OF TWO THINGS: RUSSIAN VODKA OR AMERICAN DOLLARS.



WHY DO YOU WORK FOR HIM? THE MAN IS A MONSTER.

CAREFUL, YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND A LITTLE LIKE MISTER MAGNI.

THE SAME REASON *YOU* ARE: A CORNER OFFICE AND A KILLER 401K. AND THE FACT THAT ONCE YOU'RE IN, YOU'RE IN FOR LIFE... I'VE HEARD WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AGENTS HAND IN THEIR RESIGNATIONS.



BUT IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. IF YOU AND I WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN DESTROY THE *ENTIRE SYSTEM* AND TAKE ALEXANDER DOWN WITH IT. I HAVE A PLAN THAT WOULD--

STOP TALKING! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THIS! I WANT *PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY*. SO IF THEY ASK IF YOU TRIED TO COERCE ME, I CAN HONESTLY SA--

"WAIT A MOMENT, IRIS. LET'S TAKE A BREAK IN THE PROCEEDINGS."





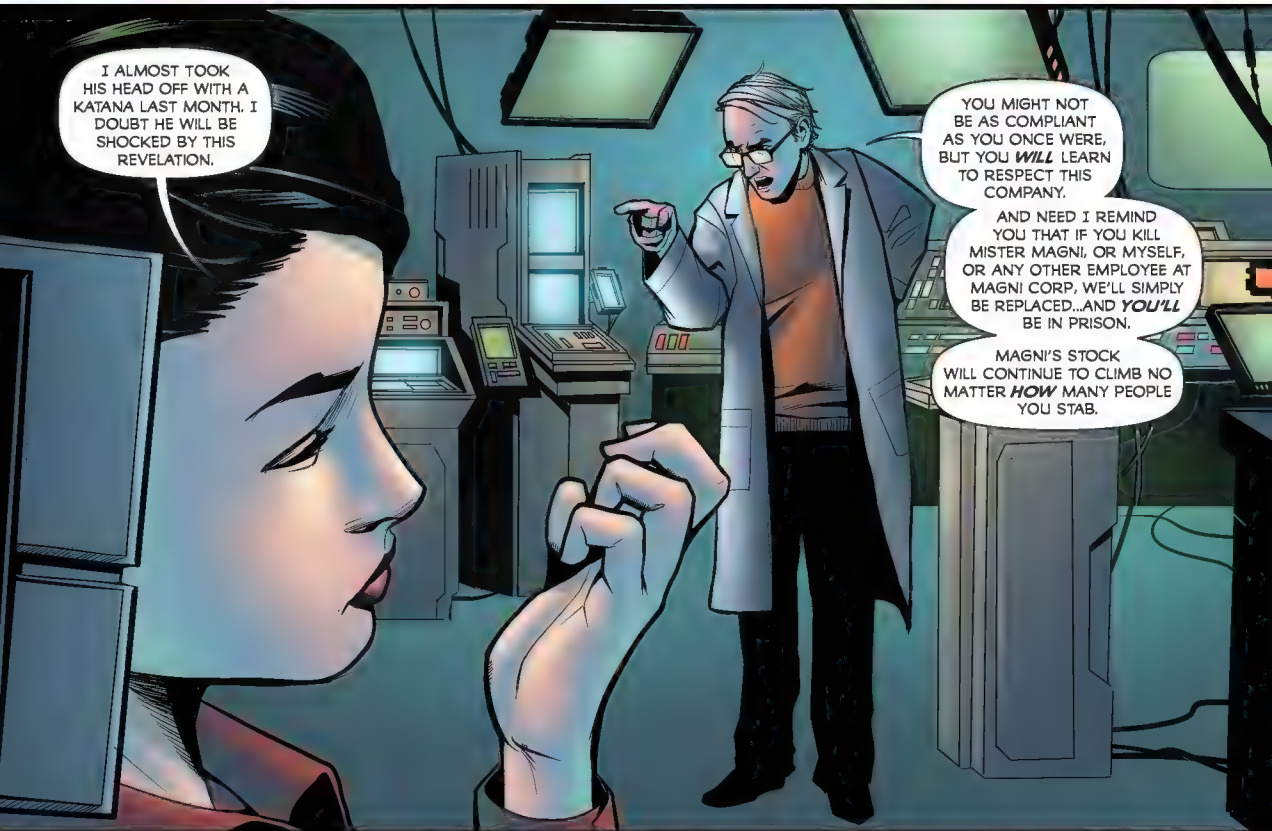
IS THERE A PROBLEM?

A **PROBLEM**? YOU JUST ADMITTED THAT YOU TRIED TO COERCE A FELLOW EMPLOYEE INTO DESTROYING THE COMPANY YOU WORK FOR.



AND?

AND THIS IS SOMETHING I'M OBLIGATED TO PUT IN MY REPORT! I HAVE TO TELL MISTER MAGNI YOU'RE PLANNING TO TAKE DOWN HIS ENTIRE CORPORATION... DESTROY HIS LEGACY!

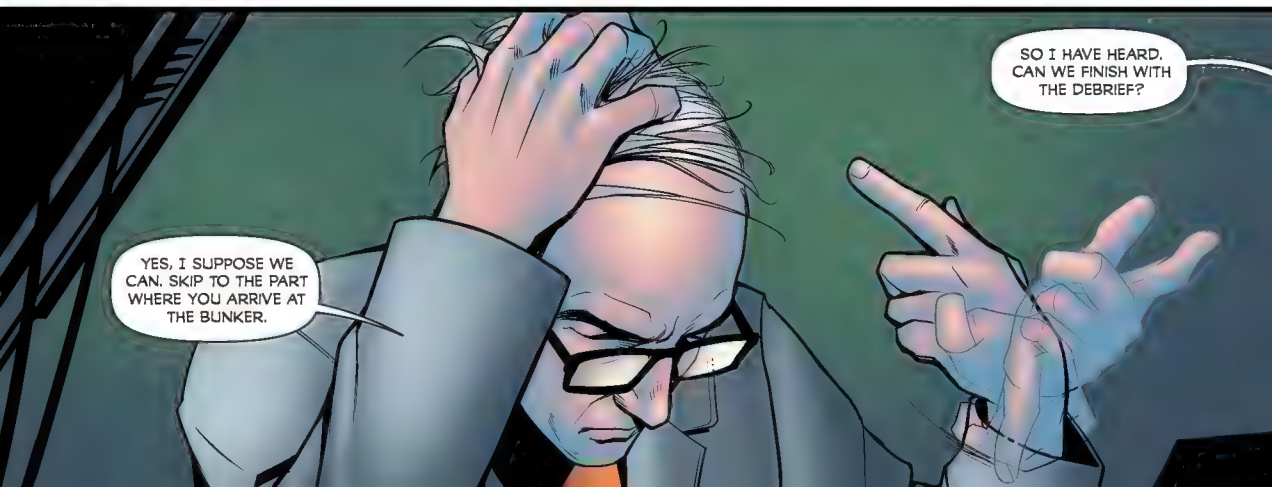


I ALMOST TOOK HIS HEAD OFF WITH A KATANA LAST MONTH. I DOUBT HE WILL BE SHOCKED BY THIS REVELATION.

YOU MIGHT NOT BE AS COMPLIANT AS YOU ONCE WERE, BUT YOU **WILL** LEARN TO RESPECT THIS COMPANY.

AND NEED I REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU KILL MISTER MAGNI, OR MYSELF, OR ANY OTHER EMPLOYEE AT MAGNI CORP, WE'LL SIMPLY BE REPLACED...AND **YOU'LL** BE IN PRISON.

MAGNI'S STOCK WILL CONTINUE TO CLIMB NO MATTER **HOW** MANY PEOPLE YOU STAB.



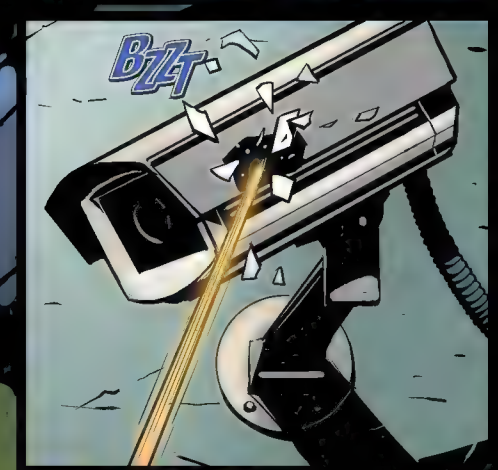
YES, I SUPPOSE WE CAN. SKIP TO THE PART WHERE YOU ARRIVE AT THE BUNKER.

SO I HAVE HEARD. CAN WE FINISH WITH THE DEBRIEF?

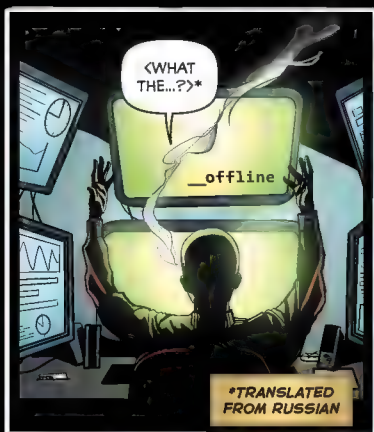




SOMEONE SHOULD  
TELL THE HOMEOWNERS THEIR  
FLAG IS A FEW DECADES OUT  
OF STYLE.



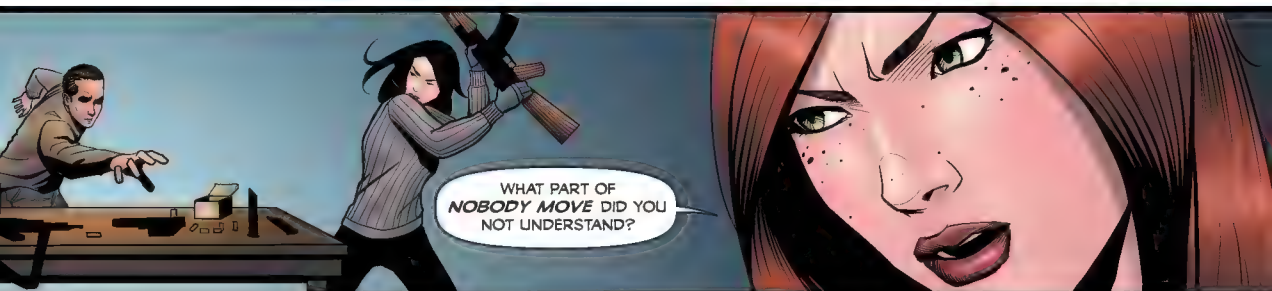








NOBODY MOVE!







OUR EMPLOYER  
REQUIRES THE VIRUS  
THAT YOU HAVE BEEN  
WORKING ON... NOTHING  
MORE. HAND IT OVER  
AND WE WILL SPARE  
YOUR LIVES.



IRIS, ARE YOU FREAKING  
**INSANE?** THAT'S **NOT** THE  
PLAN! THE MISSION IS TO SMOKE  
TØRKLUB, GET THE VIRUS, AND  
BURN STALIN'S SUMMER HOME  
TO THE GROUND.

I WANT TO BE ON  
A PRIVATE JET BACK TO **LA**  
WITH A WINE SPRITZER IN MY  
HAND. NOT ON A PRISON BUS  
TO A GULAG. **BEET SOUP.**  
REMEMBER?!



THIS IS **MY**  
OPERATION, MACK. NOT  
**YOURS.** YOU ARE HERE  
TO LEND SUPPORT  
AND OBSERVE.

YEAH, EXACTLY!  
AND RIGHT NOW  
I'M **OBSERVING**  
AS YOU SCREW THIS  
ENTIRE OPERATION  
RIGHT IN THE A—



**BLAM  
BLAM**



**ARGHH!**

**PAK  
PAK**





"HMMM... YOU RAN INTO A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF RESISTANCE FROM TØRKLUUB, WOULDN'T YOU SAY? I'D IMAGINE COMPUTER HACKERS BEING MORE... *DOCILE*."

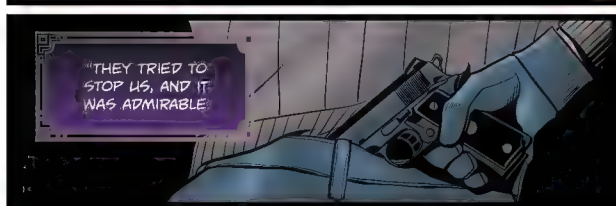


"FROM MY EXPERIENCE, PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO SPEND THEIR LIFE IN A DARK ROOM WEARING HEADPHONES AREN'T USUALLY ON THE *AGGRESSIVE* SIDE."

FIGHT OR FLIGHT



"WE WEAR CLOTHES AND READ BOOKS AND USE CELL PHONES, BUT HUMANS ARE STILL ANIMALS. BACK US INTO A CORNER, AND WE TRY TO CLAW OUR WAY OUT."



"THEY TRIED TO STOP US, AND IT WAS ADMIRABLE."



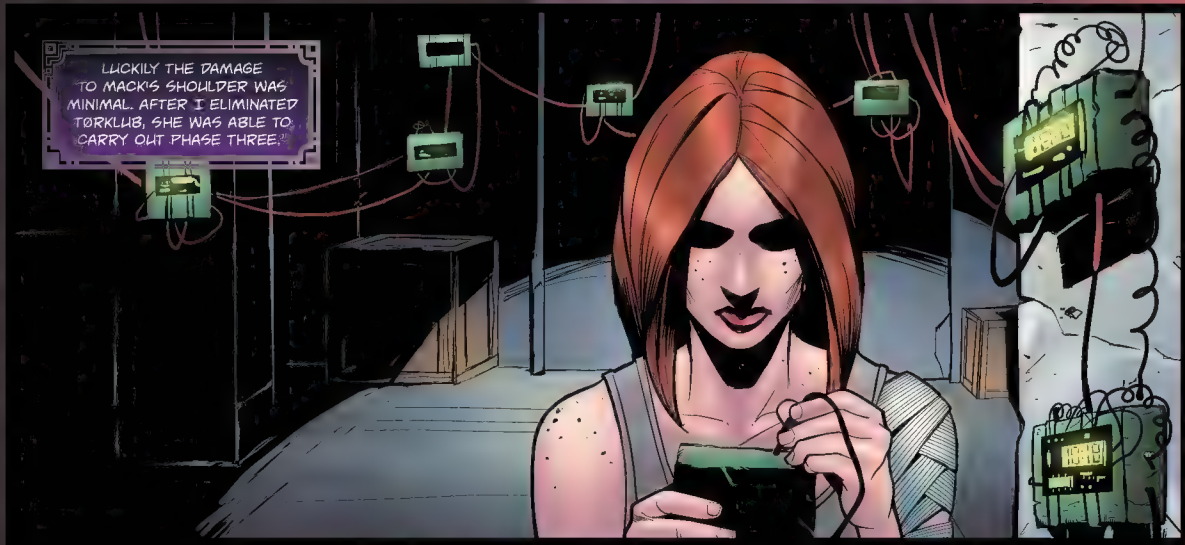
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WHOK

"BUT LIKE A FIELD MOUSE CAUGHT IN THE TALONS OF A HAWK, IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME."

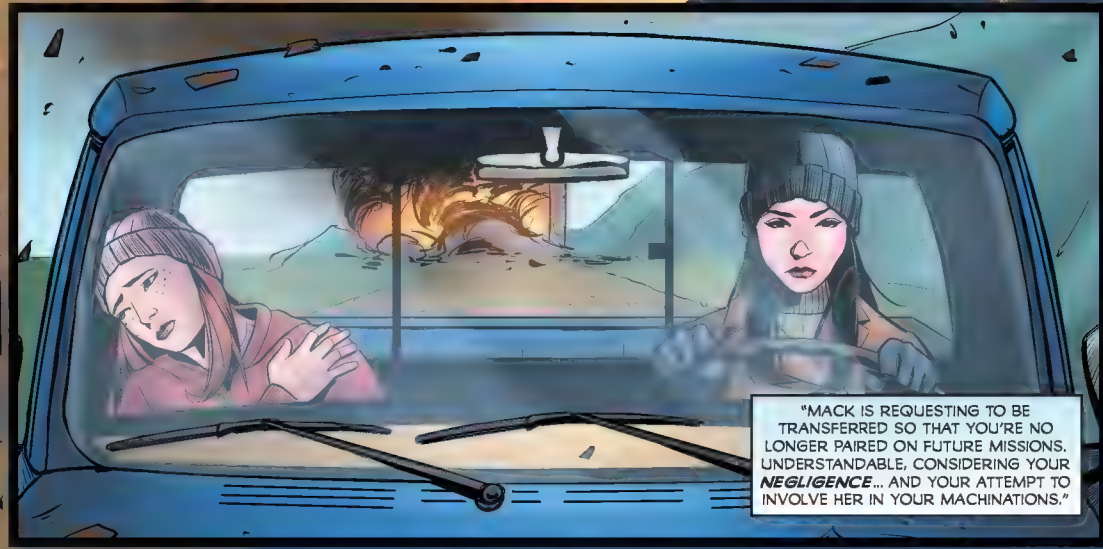




LUCKILY THE DAMAGE TO MACK'S SHOULDER WAS MINIMAL. AFTER I ELIMINATED TORKLUB, SHE WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT PHASE THREE.



"I SAW THE SATELLITE FOOTAGE. WHEN THE RUSSIANS INVESTIGATE, THEY'LL FIND NOTHING MORE THAN RUBBLE.

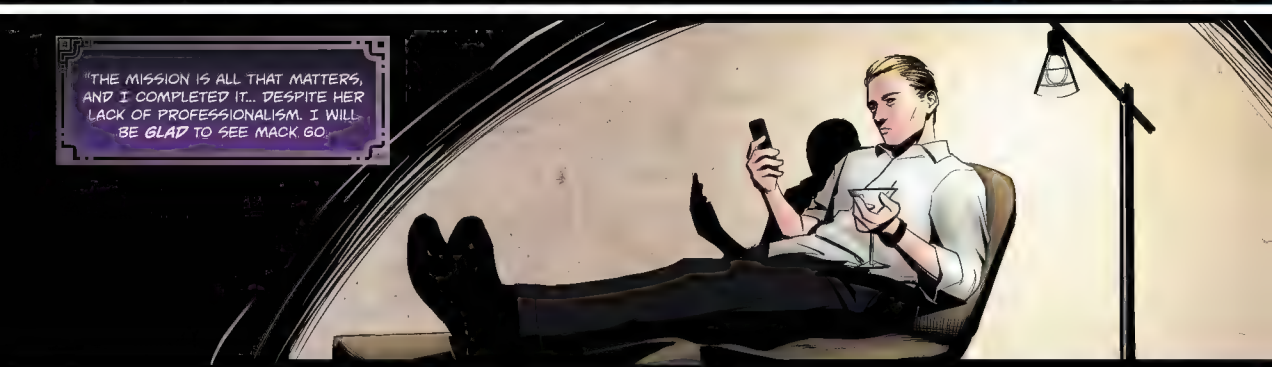


"MACK IS REQUESTING TO BE TRANSFERRED SO THAT YOU'RE NO LONGER PAIRED ON FUTURE MISSIONS. UNDERSTANDABLE, CONSIDERING YOUR **NEGLIGENCE**... AND YOUR ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE HER IN YOUR MACHINATIONS."

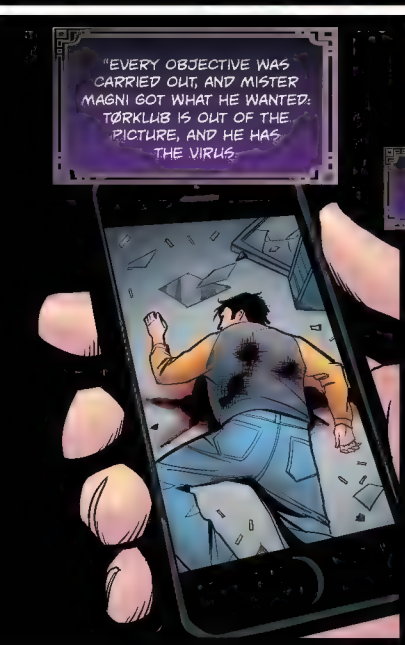




"IF HER FEELINGS WERE HURT BY A GUNSHOT WOUND, SHE IS IN THE WRONG LINE OF WORK. HAD SHE NOT QUESTIONED ME AND CAUSED A DISTRACTION, SHE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN INJURED."



"THE MISSION IS ALL THAT MATTERS, AND I COMPLETED IT... DESPITE HER LACK OF PROFESSIONALISM. I WILL BE GLAD TO SEE MACK GO."

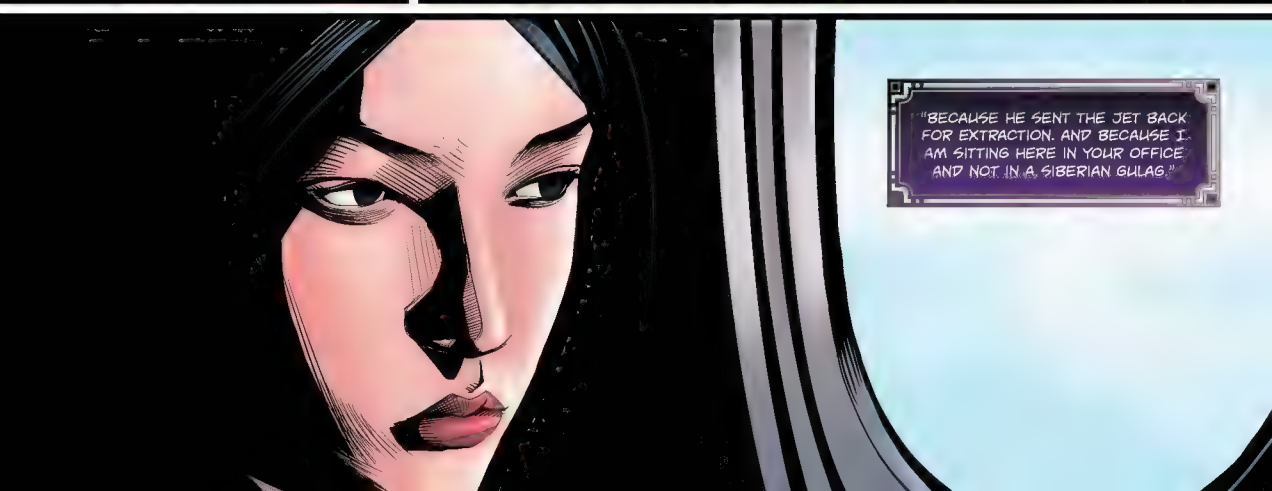


"EVERY OBJECTIVE WAS CARRIED OUT, AND MISTER MAGNI GOT WHAT HE WANTED. TÖRKÜB IS OUT OF THE PICTURE, AND HE HAS THE VIRUS."



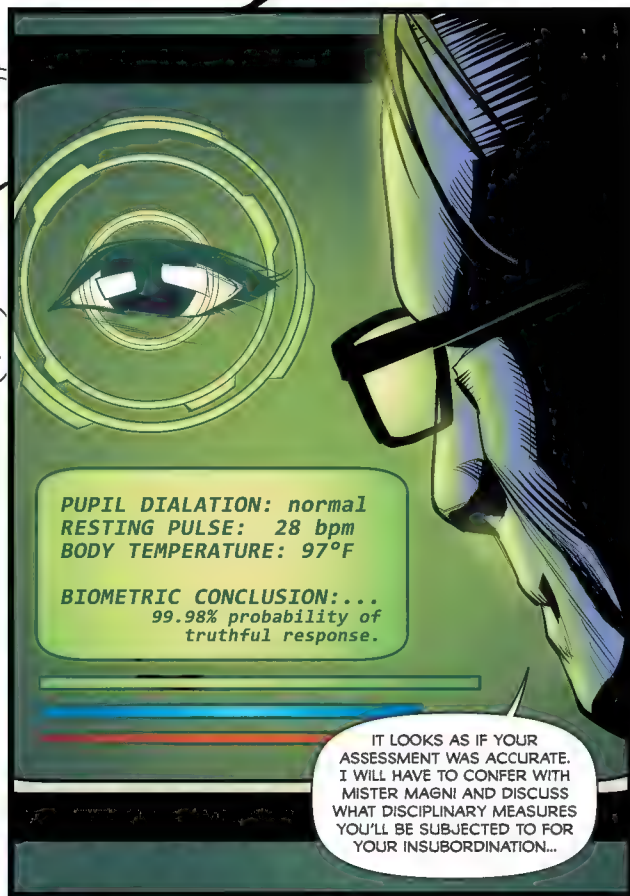
"I AM SURE HE IS PLEASED."

"AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN SPEAK TO MISTER MAGNI'S FEELINGS ABOUT YOUR PERFORMANCE?"



"BECAUSE HE SENT THE JET BACK FOR EXTRACTION. AND BECAUSE I AM SITTING HERE IN YOUR OFFICE AND NOT IN A SIBERIAN GULAG."









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DOC BUY YOUR  
STORY?

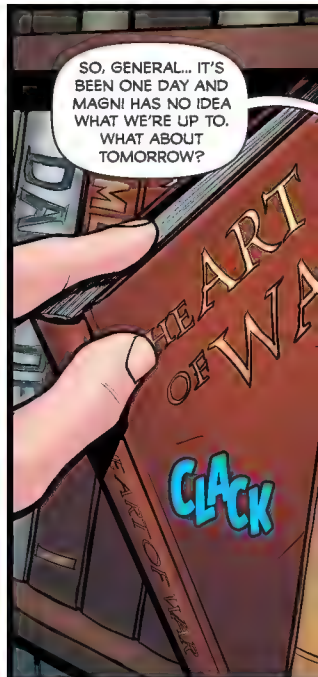
EVERY WORD.  
HOW IS THE SHOULDER  
HEALING UP?



HURTS LIKE HECK,  
BUT I'M ON THE MEND...  
SHOULD BE FINE BY  
TOMORROW, THANKS TO  
MAGNI'S BLUE TECH.

THERE HAS TO BE  
AN EASIER WAY TO SKIP  
OUT ON A DEBRIEF THAN  
TAKING A SLUG TO THE  
SHOULDER.

IT ACCOMPLISHED  
WHAT WE WANTED IT TO. I  
COULD NOT RISK YOU BEING  
QUESTIONED... ONE SLIP AND  
OUR PLAN WOULD BE  
COMPROMISED.



SO, GENERAL... IT'S  
BEEN ONE DAY AND  
MAGNI HAS NO IDEA  
WHAT WE'RE UP TO.  
WHAT ABOUT  
TOMORROW?



TOMORROW, WE  
GO TO WAR.

**NEXT: THE VOLUME 5 FINALE!**  
**KILLING WITH BORROWED KNIVES**



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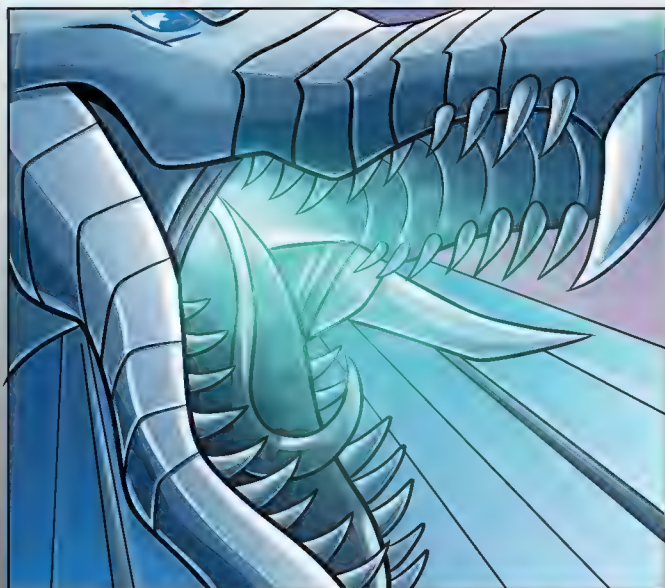
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ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!! I MEAN, SERIOUSLY, HOW MANY TIMES CAN ONE WORM GET SWALLOWED WHOLE????

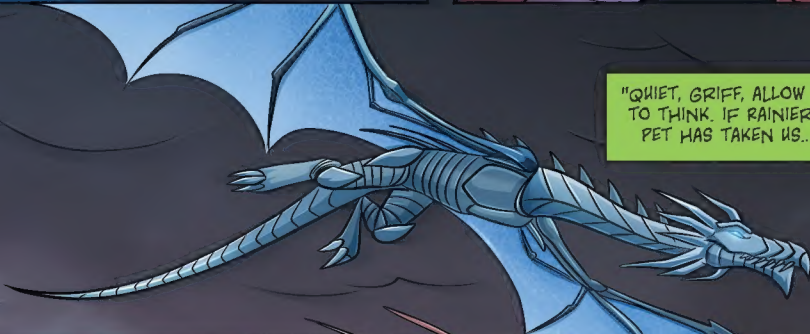
CAN IT, BEAK BRAIN! WE'RE NOT DEAD, JUST...TRAPPED.

HAPPY THOUGHTS. HAPPY THOUGHTS. HAPPY THOUGHTS. HAPPY THOUGHTS. HAPPY THOUGHTS. HAPPY THOUGHTS. HAPPY THOUGHTS.



WE WERE *THIS* CLOSE TO SAVING MY VILLAGE, BUT INSTEAD NOW LOOK AT US, PRISONERS AGAIN! OUR BAD LUCK IS ASTONISHING.

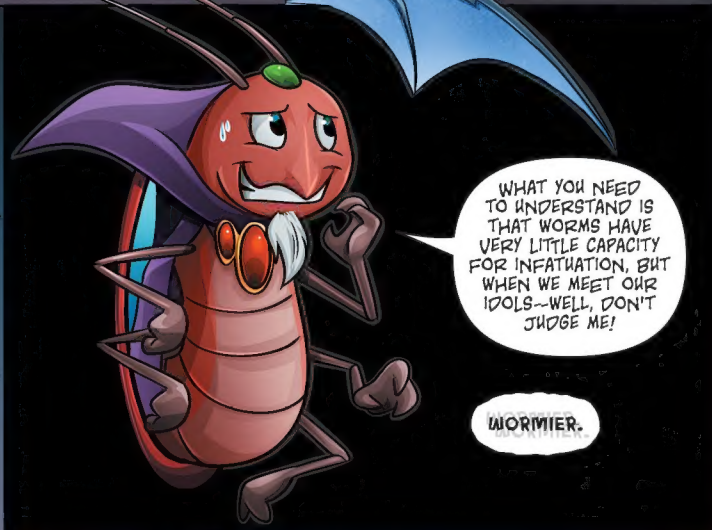
YOU KNOW... YOU GETTING SWALLOWED WAS MUCH FUNNIER WHEN I WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE.



"QUIET, GRIFF, ALLOW ME TO THINK. IF RAINIER'S PET HAS TAKEN US...



"...THEN WE CAN ONLY BE HEADED TO ONE PLACE..."



WHAT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT WORMS HAVE VERY LITTLE CAPACITY FOR INFATUATION, BUT WHEN WE MEET OUR IDOLS--WELL, DON'T JUDGE ME!

WORMIER.



HEY! WORMIER! WAKE UP!

WHA--WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU PASSED OUT WHEN YOU REALIZED WE WERE IN RAINIER TOWER, AND LET ME SAY-- YOU'RE LUCKY YOU DID. BECAUSE WELL... HERE'S THE THING...











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